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"LYSATE CLEARANCE AND NUCLEIC ACID  
ISOLATION USING SILANIZED SILICA  
MATRICES"

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Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, Applicant submits a listing of documents on Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is enclosed. This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application under 37 CFR 1.97(b).

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner, be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609.

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